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NOTICE OF INTERVENTION OF GREETING CARD ASSOCIATION AS LIMITED PARTICIPATOR (JUNE 27, 1996)

The Greeting Card Association ("GCA") hereby gives notice of its intervention in the above-captioned proceeding as a limited participator pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3624 and § 20a of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure. In support of its intervention, GCA states as follows:

1. The names and addresses of the persons who are to receive service of any document related to this proceeding are:

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2. GCA is a trade association representing many of the greeting card producers in the United States. In 1995, an estimated 7.4 billion greeting cards were purchased by American consumers, most of which were sent by First-Class Mail. Greeting Card Association represents the interests of its members as well

as the interests of over 95% of American households which mail greeting cards.

- 3. Therefore, GCA has a vested interest in the affairs of the Postal Service generally and a statutory interest in the matters to be heard and decided in this proceeding. Its interests cannot adequately be represented by any other party to this proceeding.
 - 4. GCA will be a limited participator in this proceeding.

Respect ally submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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